

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 26, 2004 (BOS Mtg. 9/7/04)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

County staff has been working with the Sheriff's Office to secure grant funding under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program offered by the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance. As a result, the County has been awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$14,695, requiring a 10 percent local match of \$1,633, for a total of \$16,328. One of the terms and conditions attached to the award is the requirement to hold a public hearing to obtain the public's opinion on the proposed use of the funds. The required public hearing has been scheduled for September 7, 2004. Because the grant amount falls under the \$30,000 threshold that requires the Board to accept and appropriate the grant, no further Board action is required, and a resolution has not been prepared.

The following items were submitted for approval for the 2005 Federal Block Grant Program:

Gas Powered Generator (2)

These pieces of equipment will be used to power the Sheriff's Office new Crime Prevention Trailer that will allow members of the Sheriff's Office to provide information and programs to the community during special events. In addition, the generators can be used in times of emergency to provide emergency lighting and power.

Digital Projector

This piece of equipment will be used in the training division to assist with in-house training programs for the Sheriff's Office. It will also be used to assist the Crime Prevention Division when providing information to the public.

Project Lifesaver Bracelets

These bracelets are used as part of a system that tracks Alzheimer's patients' locations. The bracelets cost about \$200 each, and often the people that need them most cannot afford them. The Sheriff's Office would supply these bracelets to persons that otherwise would not be able to afford them.

Jet Ski

This item was requested to enhance the Sheriff's Office ability to provide security and patrols along the waterfront in Yorktown. A recent meeting with representatives of the Captain of the Port from the United States Coast Guard provided information that many new security regulations will have to be implemented before permission is given by the Coast Guard for cruise ships to dock at the new pier in Yorktown. Further, the Commonwealth of Virginia has adopted a security plan for the area surrounding the George P. Coleman Bridge at times of elevated security concerns.

In addition, the jet ski would allow the Sheriff's Office to respond quickly to emergencies in the river and the beachfront area and would be available during special events such as July 4th, when activity along the beach is heavy.

Costs for the above items are listed below:

Description	Estimated Cost
Generators	\$3,600
Multi-media projector with digital light processing	3,500
Life-saver locator bracelets	2,000
Jet ski	7,228
Total	\$16,328

The local match of \$1,633 is available in the Sheriff's current year operating budget. Without the federal portion of the grant award, the purchases would not be possible in this fiscal year.

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